## **Community & Shelter Assistance Corporation of Oregon Newberg, OR**

Project Title VIDA Collaborative

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AFI Grant Amount \$367,910

Nonfederal Support \$369,191

**Project Period** September 2002 – September 2007

**Highlights** Community and Shelter Assistance Corporation (CASA) is

expanding its existing AFI Project and offering 200 new IDAs: 149 homeownership, 36 microenterprise, and 15 youth post-secondary education. The match rate is \$3 to \$1, up to \$1,334 in participant savings over 36 months. In

addition to core training, participants can access employment support, medical treatment, and other

services.

**Target Population** Five county area of the Willamette Valley, including the

City of Eugene.

Grantee/Collaborative Description CASA is a Community Development Corporation founded

in 1988 in response to the housing needs of Oregon farm workers and their families. This collaborative has nine participant agencies. Each handles outreach, account opening, case management, and homeownership service delivery. Agencies include housing development groups and a microenterprise training program. Eight banks have waived IDA participant account fees. Four of them are also supporting financial education for participants. They include: Citizens Bank, Mid-Valley Bank, Siuslaw Bank, Umpqua Bank, West Coast Bank, OUR Credit Union, OSU Federal Credit Union, and Washington Mutual. Nonfederal matching funds are from foundation sources

and Oregon Housing and Community Services.